



LEWISTOWN

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Shining the light of the gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785

4th Sunday of Epiphany February 2, 2020

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon: Meeting the Requirements of God

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10:30 AM

Prelude

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In Thee is Gladness

Bach
Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Introit

Jesus Loves the Little Children

RingLeader

Call to Worship

From Micah 6:6-8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

All: Shall we bring him all that we own? Our finest possessions, our life savings, our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

Leader: No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good and what he expects of you:

All: To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly before him.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* **Hymn #482** (blue)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Alleluia! Amen!

Anthem

Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: As we have been forgiven, let us forgive each other. Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Chat

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Meeting the Requirements of God

*** Song of Praise**

Offering

The sun cannot compare
to the glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare
To stand before Your throne.
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by your blood,
And its only through your mercy,
Lord, I come.

Chorus:

*I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves
The praises that I sing.
Jesus, may you receive the honor
That You're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.*

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The praises that I sing.
Jesus, may you receive the honor
That You're due.*

*O Lord, I bring an offering to You.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.
I bring an offering to You.*

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***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the bread and cup

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this
sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a
foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal
kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Galliarda

Grichetchkine

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn #514** (blue)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Charge and Blessing

* **Closing Chorus #542** (screen)

God Be with You

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you will we meet again.

Postlude

Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"

Macchia

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Children's Bell Choir; Director, Leah Riden

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

Liturgist: Doug Garner

Next Week: Danny Garner

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Pastor Sarah

Next Week: Lynn Curry

Ushers: Ed Curry (head usher), Shelly & Kevin Kodish, Jean Burlew, Karen McCurdy, Donis Zagurskie

Children's Church: Communion; no children's church

Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Infants/Preschool: Zoe Finan

Next Week: Maryann Haines

Deacon for the Month: Donis Zagurskie

Counters: Kari Cullen & Jack Wilson

Next Week: Lisa Snyder & Lynn Curry

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Brochure. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, the choir will be singing anthems from the African and African American traditions during worship in honor of Black History Month.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church will be held **TODAY** after the worship service.

THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WORLD HUNGER ASSOCIATION'S 46TH ANNUAL MEAT CANNING PROJECT will be held on February 10 – 13 at the East Derry Fire Company, Lewistown. Times will be from 7 AM to 7 PM, and cleanup. Youth must be accompanied by a parent. Groups are encouraged to schedule times, but all walk-ins are welcome and needed. For more information, call John Coldren at (717) 250-6840, Jesse Diem at (717) 348-9577 or Ben Stoltzfus (814) 625-2430. Donations can be made to: The Central Pa. World Hunger Association, P.O. Box 76, Belleville, PA 17004

A WORSHIP SERVICE OF INSTALLATION will be held Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM for Rev. Sarah E. Sedgwick. The Presbytery of Huntingdon and Lewistown Presbyterian Church invites you to attend the service as we install Pastor Sarah as our next Pastor. The service will be held in our sanctuary, followed by a reception downstairs after the service. Please RSVP so we can prepare for the reception.

COME SEE THE MOVIE "A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:" A timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about kindness, love and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor." We will be showing the film at Lewistown Presbyterian **Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 PM and Saturday, February 29 at 10 AM.** Childcare is available. Please RSVP with how many will be attending and their ages. 717-248-4561 or lewispres@comcast.net

WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE

The weekly reflection page is a resource for your use to dig deeper into today's scripture and worship theme.

Question for Reflection

Where in your community's life of prayer and service do you see instances of God's justice, peace, and healing? Where might you be called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of your day?

Morning Prayer

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Loving God, you led me in the way of life this day and now call me to the way of rest. I give thanks for the light that illumined my path today. Now, it is night. As you beckon me to enter into holy darkness where I am one with you in your realm of uncreated light, I open to you in peace. Amen.

Feel free to share some thoughts on the reflection question with Pastor Sarah by emailing her at pastorsedgwick@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, February 2

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Congregational Annual Meeting

MONDAY, February 3

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, February 4

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, February 5

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 6

- 6:30 PM Committee Night

SUNDAY, February 9

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

A number of 12 Step Groups meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 1/26/2020

Weekly Need: \$ 3,056.17	YTD Need: \$ 12,224.68
Received: \$ 3,353.00	YTD Received: \$ 11,860.00